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SUBJECT: NEW APPOINTMENTS OF TAIWANESE TO CENTRAL AND
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT SECOND ECHELON POSITIONS

1. SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION: IN PREVIOUS REPORTING
EMBASSY TAIPEI HAS NOTED THAT SINCE ASSUMING THE
PREMIERSHIP IN 1972, CHIANG CHING-KUO HAS GRADUALLY
BROUGHT MORE TAIWANESE INTO THE GOVERNMENT. ACCORDING
TO AN AUGUST 1975 GOVERNMENT INFORMATION OFFICE REPORT,
65.56 PERCENT OR NEARLY TWO-THIRDS OF ALL CIVIL SERVANTS
IN 1974 WERE TAIWANESE. (NO DATA IS AVAILABLE, HOWEVER,
ON HOW MANY OF THESE HOLD POSITIONS OF ANY RESPONSIBILITY.)
OF GREATER SIGNIFICANCE IN THE EMBASSY'S VIEW ARE THE
RECENT APPOINTMENTS (DESCRIBED BELOW) OF TAIWANESE TO
SECOND ECHELON POSITIONS BOTH IN THE CENTRAL AND
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS. THESE APPOINTMENTS STRONGLY
SUGGEST THAT THE PREMIER INTENDS TO CONTINUE -- AND
MAY EVEN BE ACCELERATING -- HIS POLICY OF BRINGING MORE
TAIWANESE INTO POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY.

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2. FINANCIAL: ON JULY 23, 1975 LIANG KUO-SHU

(4731/0948/2885) SUCCEEDED LI KAN (2621/2832) AS DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF CHINA (CBC) -- AN INFLUENTIAL, UPPER SECOND ECHELON POSITION. A NATIVE OF NANTOU COUNTY, THE 44-YEAR OLD LIANG, WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE RESEARCH AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE OF THE EXECUTIVE YUAN, IS THE FIRST TAIWANESE TO GAIN A HIGH RANKING POSITION IN THE GROC FINANCIAL STRUCTURE -- TRADITIONALLY THE PRESERVE OF CHEKIANG AND KIANGSU NATIVES. LIANG HAS A PH.D. FROM VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

3. KU LIEN-SUNG (6581/3425/2646 AKA JEFFREY L.S. KOO), GENERAL MANAGER OF THE CHINA TRUST INVESTMENT CORPORATION, WAS APPOINTED IN JULY AS AN ADVISOR TO THE EXECUTIVE YUAN. NORMALLY SUCH A POSITION IS OF NOMINAL VALUE ONLY. HOWEVER, IT IS POSSIBLY SIGNIFICANT THAT ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS KU WAS SUMMONED BY THE PREMIER ON AUGUST 19SUO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON FINANCIAL MATTERS. KU IS THE NEPHEW OF KU CHEN-FU (6581/2182/3940), ONE OF TAIWAN'S LEADING BUSINESSMEN AND OFT-RUMORED CANDIDATE FOR MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.

4. MILITARY: ACCORDING TO A LIST PREPARED BY THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE IN JUNE, LT. GENERAL CHEN SHOU-SHAN (7115/1343/1472) MOVED INTO THE NUMBER TWO SLOT IN THE GENERAL POLITICAL WARFARE DEPARTMENT (GPWD), ASSUMING THE POSITION OF GPWD EXECUTIVE OFFICER. CHEN, WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY COMMANDANT OF THE POLITICAL WARFARE SCHOOL, IS THE ONLY TAIWANESE GENERAL FLAG OFFICER IN THE MILITARY.

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5. ANOTHER TAIWANESE MILITARY OFFICER, NAVAL CAPTAIN KUO TSUNG-CHIN (6753/1350/3237) HAS, ACCORDING TO DAO SOURCES RECENTLY ASSUMED THE POSITION OF SERVICE SQUADRON COMMANDER AND IN THIS POSITION IS LIKELY TO BE PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF REAR ADMIRAL. IF HE IS PROMOTED

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HE WILL BE THE FIRST TAIWANESE NAVAL OFFICER TO HOLD THAT RANK, AND THE FIRST TAIWANESE WHO ENTERED THE MILITARY IN TAIWAN TO REACH GENERAL/FLAG RANK.

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6. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS: SEVERAL TAIWANESE CAREER FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS HAVE BEEN RECENTLY APPOINTED TO RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS IN MOFA. THEY INCLUDE: CHANG SHU-CHI (1728/2579/2630), APPOINTED DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS IN JULY; LIN HSIANG-NENG (2651/0078/5174), APPOINTED DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS IN JULY; CHAN MING-HSING (6124/2494/2502) NAMED IN FEBRUARY AS SECTION CHIEF OF THE ROC EAST ASIAN RELATIONS ASSOCIATION IN TOKYO; HUNG CHIEN-HSIUNG (3163/0256/7160), APPOINTED CHIEF OF THE ROC CONSULATE IN CAPETOWN, SOUTH AFRICA IN JUNE; LIN TSUN-HSIEN (2651/1425/6343), APPOINTED IN JUNE AS CHIEF OF THE ROC COMMERCIAL OFFICE IN FIJI; AND OU HUNG-LIEN (2961/7703/6937), APPOINTED IN JUNE AS CHIEF OF THE ROC COMMERCIAL OFFICE IN CHILE.

7. TAIWAN PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT (TPG): TWO TAIWANESE WERE PROMOTED DURING THE LATEST TRANSFERS IN THE TPG. CHEN SHIH-YING (7115/2514/5391), A 49-YEAR OLD NATIVE OF CHANGHUA, MOVED IN AUGUST FROM HIS PREVIOUS POST AS DIRECTOR OF THE TPG DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS TO BECOME TPG COMMISSIONER OF CIVIL AFFAIRS AND MEMBER OF THE TPG COUNCIL. HE WAS REPLACED BY HSU SHUI-TE (6079/3955/1795), A 44-YEAR OLD NATIVE OF PENGHU COUNTY, WHO WAS FORMERLY CHIEF SECRETARY OF THE KAOHSIUNG CITY GOVERNMENT.

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